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RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD
AT ITS SEVENTEENTH SESSION

56 (XVII). Industrial Development Decade for Africa

The Industrial Development Board,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 35/66 B of 5 December 1980, and 36/182, section II, of 17 December 1981, and 37/212, section II, paragraph 3, of 20 December 1982 on the Industrial Development Decade for Africa, and noting with interest resolution 1 (VI) adopted by the African Ministers of Industry at their sixth conference, a/ and Economic and Social Council resolution 1982/66 B, paragraph 4, of 30 July 1982 on the Industrial Development Decade for Africa,

Recalling further Industrial Development Board resolution 54 (XV) of 30 May 1981, in which the Board, inter alia, declared the Industrial Development Decade for Africa to be one of the most important programmes of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization,

Noting the programme for the Industrial Development Decade for Africa which was endorsed by the Conference of Ministers of the Economic Commission for Africa, at its eighth meeting, in resolution 442 (XVII) of 30 April 1982,

Noting further resolution (I) adopted by the Follow-up Committee on Industrialization in Africa at its seventh meeting held in Kigali (Rwanda) from 16 to 19 March 1983, in which the Committee, inter alia, expressed its concern about the fact that the funds originally earmarked by the United Nations Development Programme as its minimum contribution towards the implementation of the objectives of the Industrial Development Decade for Africa, were not likely to be available,

Recalling Industrial Development Board resolution 55 (XVI) of 28 May 1982 on the Industrial Development Decade for Africa, and the fact that since the adoption of that resolution the number of the least developed countries in Africa had increased to 26 out of a total of 36,

1. Takes note with appreciation of the second progress report on the Industrial Development Decade for Africa submitted by the Executive Director of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa b/ and welcomes the efforts the United Nations Industrial Development Organization had made to maintain continuous and harmonious co-ordination with the secretariats of the Organization of African Unity and the Economic Commission for Africa;

2. Expresses its deep concern at the scarcity of resources, including resources made available by the United Nations Development Programme for the Decade, which had contributed to the limited progress achieved in the implementation of the preparatory phase of the Industrial Development Decade for Africa whereas almost one third of the Decade had already elapsed;

3. Appeals to donor countries and institutions to increase their contribution to African industrial development within the framework of the programmes and projects formulated by the African Governments with a view to achieving the target set by them for the African region of a 1.4 per cent share in world industrial production during the Decade and, in this regard, strongly recommends that contributions be made to the United Nations Industrial Development Fund so as to finance the programme for the Decade;

4. Reaffirms its request to the United Nations Development Programme to allocate adequate financial resources to the programme for the Decade;

5. Requests further the United Nations Development Programme, while allocating those funds, to take into account the high priority established for the Industrial Development Decade for Africa;

6. Requests the Executive Director to strengthen the institutional arrangements within the secretariat of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization in the course of implementing his mandate within the programme for the Decade.

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